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TAGS: PINS, MOPS, PINT, CG, FR, UK, BE
SUBJECT: SHABA ATTACK: ZAIRIAN REQUEST FOR US ASSISTANCE IN
INTERNATIONAL CONTINGENCY OPERATION; LETTER FROM
PRESIDENT MOBUTU

REF: A) STATE 126431 B) KINSHASA 4995

1. AT 0915 ZULU 19 MAY AMBASSADOR RECEIVED LETTER FROM PRESIDENT
MOBUTU REQUESTING US ASSISTANCE TO FRENCH AND BELGIAN EFFORTS
IN ZAIRE. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: KINSHASA, LE 19 MAI 1978

A SON EXCELLENCE, MONSIEUR

WALTER L. CUTLER

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AMBASSADEUR DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE
KINSHASA/GOMBE
MONSIEUR L'AMBASSADEUR,
LA SITUATION QUI PREVAUT A L'HEURE ACTUELLE DANS LE SUD-EST
DE MON PAYS EST DEVENUE PARTICULIEREMENT PREOCCUPANTE NOTAMMENT
POUR LES RESSORTISSANTS ETRANGERS VIVANT A KOLWEZI.

C'EST AINSI QUE LES GOUVERNEMENTS BELGE ET FRANCAIS ON ENVISAGE
D'ENTREPRENDRE TOUTES LES MESURES D'URGENCE SUSCEPTIBLES
DE GARANTIR A TOUS CES RESIDENTS LA PROTECTION NECESSAIRE EN
PAREILLES CIRCONSTANCES.
J'Y AI MARQUE MON ACCORD.

AUSSI, JE DEMANDERAIS, DANS LE MEME SENS, AU GOUVERNEMENT
DES ETATS-UNIS DE S'ASSOCIER, SANS PLUS TARDER, AUX EFFORTS
DES AUTORITES GOUVERNEMENTALES BELGES ET FRANCAISES.

VEUILLEZ AGREER, MONSIEUR L'AMBASSADEUR, L'EXPRESSION DE
TOUTE MA CONSIDERATION.

LE PRESIDENT-FONDATEUR DU MOVEMENT POPULAIRE DE LA REVOLUTION,
PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DU ZAIRE
MOBUTU SESE SEKO KUKU NGENDU WA ZA BANGA
GENERAL DE CORPS D'ARMEE. END QUOTE

3. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION BY EMBASSY FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:
KINSHASA, MAY 19, 1978

TO THE HONORABLE
WALTER L. CUTLER
AMBASSADOR OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
KINSHASA/GOMBE.

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DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR,

THE SITUATION WHICH NOW PREVAILS IN THE SOUTH-EASTERN PART OF
MY COUNTRY HAS BECOME A SOURCE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN, ESPECIALLY
FOR THE FOREIGN NATIONALS LIVING AT KOLWEZI.

BECAUSE OF THIS, THE BELGIAN AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS HAVE
PROPOSED TO UNDERTAKE ALL EMERGENCY MEASURES TO ASSURE ALL THOSE
RESIDENTS THE PROTECTION NECESSARY IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES.

I HAVE AUTHORIZED THAT.

CONSEQUENTLY, I WOULD ASK, TO THIS END, THAT THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES JOIN, WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY, THE EFFORTS OF
THE BELGIAN AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES.

PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. AMBASSADOR, THE EXPRESSION OF ALL MY CONSIDER-
ATION.

THE PRESIDENT-FOUNDER OF THE POPULAR MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTION,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE

(SIGNED)

MOBUTU SESE SEKO KUKU NGBENDU WA ZA BANGA

L.T.G. END QUOTE

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